



RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday, 22nd August, 2017 at 7.00 pm
at the Council Offices, Farnborough

Councillor D.E. Clifford, Leader of the Council
Councillor K.H. Muschamp, Deputy Leader and Business, Safety and Regulation
Portfolio Holder

Councillor Barbara Hurst, Health and Housing Portfolio Holder
Councillor G.B. Lyon, Concessions and Community Support Portfolio Holder
Councillor M.L. Sheehan, Leisure and Youth Portfolio Holder
Councillor P.G. Taylor, Corporate Services Portfolio Holder
Councillor M.J. Tennant, Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio Holder

The Cabinet considered the following matters at the above-mentioned meeting. All executive decisions of the Cabinet shall become effective, subject to the call-in procedure, from **5th September, 2017**.

27. **MINUTES –**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 25th July, 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

28. **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING AND FORECASTING 2017/18 - POSITION AT JULY, 2017 –**

(Councillor Paul Taylor, Corporate Services Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. FIN1726, which set out the anticipated financial position for 2017/18, based on the monitoring exercise carried out during July, 2017. Members were informed that savings and efficiencies of around £550,000 were required for the year and that this target had been met, substantially, by two major reductions in expenditure, in relation to the new waste collection, recycling, grounds' maintenance and street cleansing contract and the results of the Mutually Agreed Resignation Scheme (MARS). It was reported that the balance of the General Fund stood at £2 million at the start of 2017/18, which was at the top of the range set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy. For this reason, no transfers to or from the

Stability and Resilience Fund were proposed at the present time. Members noted that a good take-up of the green waste collection scheme had boosted income to the Council.

The Cabinet NOTED the latest Revenue Budget monitoring position, as set out in Report No. FIN1726.

29. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING AND FORECASTING 2017/18 - POSITION AT JULY, 2017 –**
(Councillor Paul Taylor, Corporate Services Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet received Report No. FIN1727, which provided the latest forecast regarding the Council's Capital Programme for 2017/18, based on the monitoring exercise carried out during July, 2017. The Report advised that the Capital Programme for 2017/18, allowing for slippages from the previous financial year and additional approvals, totalled £36,988,000. It was noted that £15 million had been allocated for the acquisition of investment properties during 2017/18 but that any purchases were likely to be made later in the financial year to allow for a full and proper assessment of potential market opportunities.

The Cabinet NOTED the latest Capital Programme monitoring position, as set out in Report No. FIN1727.

30. **COUNCIL PLAN FIRST QUARTER 2017/18 PERFORMANCE UPDATE REPORT –**
(Councillor David Clifford, Leader of the Council)

The Cabinet received Report No. DMB1703, which set out the Council's performance management monitoring information for the first quarter of the 2017/18 municipal year.

The Cabinet NOTED the progress made towards delivering the Council Plan 2017/18, as set out in Report No. DMB1703.

31. **THAMES BASIN HEATHS SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA AVOIDANCE AND MITIGATION STRATEGY UPDATE –**
(Councillor Martin Tennant, Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. PLN1727, which set out proposed changes to the Rushmoor Thames Basin Heaths Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy, to incorporate arrangements with Hart District Council to allow development schemes within Rushmoor to utilise surplus Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG) within the Hart area.

Members heard that the proposal would allow for the delivery of 1,500 net new homes in the Farnborough area. It was noted that, due to the location of the SANG, the proposal would not provide mitigation for development in the Aldershot area and, in this respect, further SANG capacity would need to be sought. In response to a question, it was explained that this proposal would not affect Hart District Council's ability to deliver its required housing over the coming period.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that

- (i) the amendments to the Rushmoor Thames Basin Heaths Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy, based on the draft set out in Appendix I of Report No. PLN1727, be approved;
- (ii) the arrangements for developers to secure SANG capacity in Hart's area, based on the draft set out in Appendix II to the Report, be approved; and
- (iii) the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Service Delivery, subject to being satisfied that the location, capacity and costs of the SANG provision offered were suitable to support the needs of development in Rushmoor, be authorised to approve and publish the final versions of the documents set out in Appendices I and II of the Report, following discussion and agreement with Natural England.

32. **NEW COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD - NORTH TOWN –**
(Councillor Martin Tennant, Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. COMM1716, which set out a request to authorise the Head of Community and Environmental Services to apply for planning permission for a new community noticeboard to be erected in Holly Road, Aldershot. Members were informed that an award of £500 from the Community Ward Grants Scheme would be used to pay for the new noticeboard and the cost of submitting the planning application. It was explained that the existing community noticeboard, located in the shopping area, had been in a damaged condition but had recently been replaced.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that the Head of Community and Environment be authorised to apply for planning permission for the new community noticeboard in Holly Road, as set out in Report No. COMM1716.

The Meeting closed at 7.22 p.m.

D.E. CLIFFORD
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
